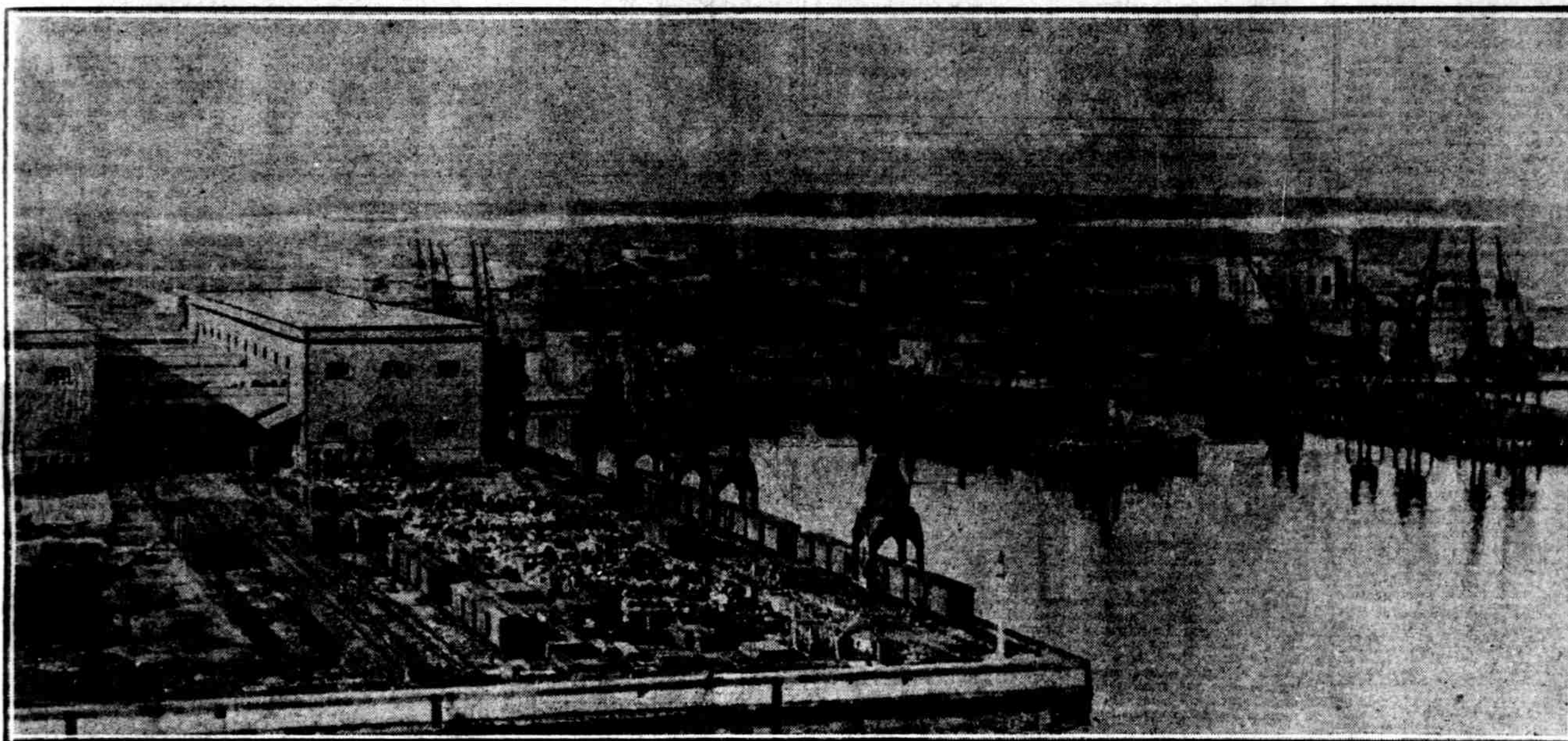


SEAL UP VERA CRUZ SEIZE CUSTOM HOUSE ORDERS SENT TO BADGER



VIEW OF VERA CRUZ TAKEN FROM FIRE CONTROL TOWER OF BATTLESHIP FLORIDA IN VERA CRUZ HARBOR.

Assured That Naval Officer Will Proceed to Occupy Mexican Seaport and to Take War Munitions Landed There By German Ship.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today ordered Admiral Badger to blockade the port of Vera Cruz and seize the custom houses of that city. These orders were sent to prevent the delivery of a large consignment of arms and ammunition to Huerta's forces. The cargo is aboard a German vessel of the Hamburg-American line which is expected to reach Vera Cruz late tonight or tomorrow morning. The cargo will be seized at the custom house the moment it is attempted to be delivered.

Secretary Bryan will so notify representative of the powers this afternoon.

As soon as that notification takes place, Admiral Fletcher, in command at Vera Cruz, will initiate the blockading work as soon as the time limit expires. That time limit will probably be twenty-four hours.

It is known from authoritative sources that unless General Huerta yields to the demands of the United States after this action is taken, forces will be landed at Vera Cruz and the march begun on Mexico City.

Gen. Leonard Wood will be in charge of this expeditionary force of the army, and will be supported by a regiment of marines under command of Col. Littleton W. T. Waller.

The plan is to march direct to Mexico City, seize the capital, and hold it while the constitutionalists are permitted to work out their own salvation.

The directions to Admiral Badger are reported to have been couched in general terms, commanding him to prevent the delivery of the cargo and leaving the detail of their execution to his own discretion. As the cargo is aboard a German vessel no attempt would be made to seize it until it is landed.

Badger will order Admiral Fletcher to seize the custom house.

The cargo is aboard a steamer of the Hamburg-American line, which is expected to reach Vera Cruz before nightfall. The consignment consists of 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 250 machine guns of the rapid-fire type. Huerta wants them for use against the United States.

Confirmation of the orders to Rear Admiral Badger is being withheld by the Navy Department pending the passage of the joint resolution now before Congress justifying the President to adopt such measures.

If, as is believed, General Maas, the Mexican federal commander, resists, armed conflict will probably occur. It will be the first battle of the Mexican war.

This afternoon a fresh batch of orders went to Admiral Fletcher and to Rear Admiral Badger, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet. Before being sent these orders were submitted to the Department of State. This fact adds strength to the belief that they refer to a general blockade of Mexican ports, in the execution of which the foreign governments would be notified.

The Cabinet, at its meeting today, devoted the entire discussion to Mexican affairs. It approved, it is believed, the steps already taken to prevent the delivery of the ammunition. Owing, however, to the delay of Congress

ARMED INTERVENTION IS URGED BY SENATOR LODGE

With word from the White House that the President wanted nothing done that might be construed as a declaration of war, the Senate began consideration at noon today of the amended resolution authorizing the President to use the armed land and naval forces to enforce amends for indignities committed against the United States.

Senator Works of California introduced a remarkable resolution in which he proposed full acceptance of the apology already extended by General Huerta for the arrest of American sailors under the American flag. In a long preamble he sets forth the arrest of the American sailors, their discharge, and the apology made by Huerta. He urges, however, inasmuch as the relations of the people of Mexico are friendly and as our only quarrel is with Huerta, that as a mark of friendship for the people of Mexico the apology and the prompt release of the sailors be accepted as sufficient reparation.

The President asked Congress to hasten passage of the Mexican resolution, through Senator Shively, acting chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. That Congress would respond before adjournment, probably early this afternoon, was assured.

Lodge stirred the Senate with a speech denouncing Generals Villa and Huerta as "cut-throats and assassins."

LODGE PRESENTS AMENDMENT.

Senator Lodge presented an amendment which virtually authorized armed intervention. Unless unexpected obstacles arise, the amended House resolution will be adopted this afternoon. It will then

be hurried to the White House, and approved by the President. After that, what? While officials are talking peace, it is the conviction at the Capitol and (Continued on Second Page.)

TORPEDO DIVISION DOCKS AT GALVESTON

Three Boats Were Thought to Be En Route for Mexican Waters.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 21.—The torpedo boats Preston, Flusser and Reid, composing the first division of the torpedo flotilla, arrived here at 11 o'clock today and docked beside the army transports.

The appearance of the torpedo boats was a great surprise to local army and navy officials. They were thought to be en route to Mexican waters.

The flotilla is in command of Lieut. William Aherum, and will accompany the transports to Mexico.

Mitchel at Revolver Practice for an Hour

NEW YORK, April 21.—Mayor Mitchel, who has been inspecting the Ashokan valley water system, returned with his party last night. Rain prevented the completion of the trip.

The mayor, having in mind his narrow escape from an assassin's bullet last Friday, spent an hour yesterday improving his pistol marksmanship. Ten Aqueduct policemen guarded him during his stay in the Ashokan valley.

BRYAN CALLS ENVOYS TO EXPLAIN U. S. PLANS

Seven leading diplomats in the corps here were this afternoon requested to call and confer with Secretary of State Bryan at 2:30 p. m.

It was assumed that the Secretary would outline to them the American policy with regard to action against Mexico.

Dr. Thomas Arrested In "\$1,000,000 Fraud"

NEW YORK, April 21.—Dr. Julian P. Thomas, known as the "Wind Wagon Man," who is running the Julian P. Thomas, M. D., Natural Food Company, at 522 West Thirty-seventh street, was arrested yesterday, charged with using the mails to defraud. Dr. Thomas is accused of having charged for treating by mail persons who, according to the symptoms stated, he knew were not diseased.

The concern was being run, postal authorities say, at a profit of \$300 a day. His total profits are said to aggregate more than a million dollars. Dr. Thomas furnished \$500 bail for examination on April 22.

Marshall Clears One Section of the Gallery

For the first time in the memory of the oldest employees at the Capitol, one entire section of the gallery in the Senate was cleared by orders of the Vice President this afternoon. Senator John Sharp Williams was on the floor at the time, speaking on the Mexican resolution. One particular section grew enthusiastic at the Mississippi Senator's remarks, and began applauding. Vice President Marshall immediately ordered every person in that section from the gallery. The orders were carried out.

Cupid Sends Youth, 19, Back to Jail Brideless

NEW YORK, April 21.—Albert Raucher, nineteen, left Ludlow street jail yesterday afternoon to be married, but he was returned to a cell last night by Deputy Sheriff McDonnell without becoming a benedict.

A year ago Miss Annie Duchner, said to be twice his age, sued Raucher for failure to keep an alleged promise of marriage. She obtained judgment for \$1,000 by default. She had Raucher arrested two weeks ago for failing to pay this judgment. When interest increased the amount to \$1,000 Raucher sent word to Miss Duchner that he would marry her if she would consent to cancel the judgment. This offer was accepted.

At the license bureau a clerk informed Raucher he would have to go back to jail until his parents or guardian consent to issuance of the marriage license.

Emperor Franz Josef Improved in Health

VIENNA, April 21.—Physicians attending Emperor Franz Josef today declared the condition of the aged monarch greatly improved in an official bulletin issued from the palace. He spent a restful night, and arose about 4:30 a. m. today. At that hour it was stated, his fever had disappeared, and the physicians were greatly encouraged.

REFUGEES HELD ON AMERICAN BOATS

Eighty-Seven on Steamers Chartered by United States Government.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., April 21.—Eighty-seven American refugees, including both men and women, are today aboard the steamship Mexico and Esperanza, chartered by the United States Government.

About fifty are aboard the Mexico, and as the vessel was unable to leave last night, owing to high winds and a rough sea, it is now believed she will remain here until she has as many refugees as her accommodations will permit.

General Maas, military governor of Vera Cruz, today received instruction from Mexico City to preserve peace here at any cost. General Maas declared he did not believe there would be any trouble in Vera Cruz, even under the most acute circumstances.

Three Thousand Cattle Perish in Big Blaze

PEORIA, Ill., April 21.—Fire swept over three blocks, destroying the cattle, feeding barns, and tons of hay of the Nelson Morris Company.

Six thousand cattle were in the sheds, and it is estimated 3,000 were burned. The others were turned loose, and many, with hides scorched, raced through the streets in the stock yard district. One bunch of fifty plunged into the Illinois river and swam to the opposite shore.

Cabinet Men Meet.

Five members of President Wilson's Cabinet met at the University Club at 1 o'clock this afternoon, but the object of the meeting was not given out. Present were Secretaries Bryan, Garrison, Daniels, Lane and Houston.